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West Nile Virus

As of 10:00 AM (MDT), **August 19, 2002** these are the human case totals for 2002 that have been reported to CDC/Arbonet*
or compiled in direct communication with state or local health officials:

Total Laboratory Positive Human Cases

Alabama 003

District of Columbia 001

Florida 001

Illinois 009

Indiana 001

Louisiana 147

Massachusetts 001

Mississippi 055

Missouri 005

New York City 001

Ohio 002

Texas 025

Total human cases: **251**

Total human fatalities: **011** - IL (1), LA (8), MS (2)

* Median age of human cases: 54 years

* Age range of human cases: 3 - 94 years

* Number of cases by month of onset:

June: 015

July: 149

August: 081

* Arbonet is the national, electronic surveillance system established by CDC to assist states in tracking West Nile and other mosquito-borne viruses.

Additional Information:

CDC has deployed field teams to Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

CDC will report official WNV case counts at approximately 3:00 pm ET, Monday through Friday. Updates will be posted to the CDC West Nile Virus Web Site: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>.

Updated information available on the internet:

CDC regularly updates information about the status and prevention of the West Nile Virus spread. The newest update includes information about the use of insect repellent ([≤http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/q&a.htm#repellent≥](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/q&a.htm#repellent)). The entire list of up-to-date questions with answers can be found at [≤http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/q&a.htm≥](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/q&a.htm)

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